

Board 3 Sends 19 To Army and Navy

Four L. M. Patrolmen In Navy Quota This Month

Accepted by the Army and sworn in on January 3, the following men left on Monday for New Cumberland: all were inducted by Local Board No. 3, 109 Forrest Ave., Narberth:

Arthur G. Roberts, 32, 1462 Drayton La., Penn Wynne; John L. Waller, 35, 143 Cricket Ave., Ardmore; Warren E. MacCurdy, 35, 176 Treaty Rd., Drexel Hill; Harry E. Miller, 29, 2442 Cedar Ave., Philadelphia; Harold F. Henderson, 37, Narberth Hall Apts., Narberth; Robert E. Milner, 30, 2942 Oakford Rd., Ardmore; Paul S. Mason, 18, 216 Forrest Ave., Narberth; Thomas M. Connor, 18, 8 Cricket Terrace, Ardmore; William M. Evans, 18, 127 Coulter Ave., Ardmore.

All sworn in on January 3, the following men left Monday for Camp Lee, Va.:

Thomas L. Shippen, 27, 360 W. Spring Ave., Ardmore, and Samuel Fortune, Jr., 23, 231 Chestnut Ave., Ardmore.

From Local Board No. 3, the following were accepted by and sworn in to the Navy this month:

Harry L. Troxell, Jr., 27, 303 Woodside Ave., Narberth; Francis McKeon, 30, 229 Edmont Ave., Ardmore; James M. Miller, 34, 113 Cricket Ave., Ardmore; Dominic Giangliulo, 26, 41 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore; Edward N. Cannon, 28, 210 Williamsburg Rd., Ardmore; John B. Hinton, Jr., 24, 5532 Thompson St., Philadelphia; Stephen H. Brubaker, 32, 53 Linden Rd., Ardmore; and Kevin W. Carroll, 18, 215 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore.

Miller, Giangliulo, Cannon and Brubaker are all members of the Lower Merion police force.

Mrs. Ditter Dies Two Months After Death of Her Son

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Ditter, 90, mother of the late Congressman J. William Ditter, of Ambler. Mrs. Ditter died last Friday night, two months exactly after her son was killed in a Navy airplane crash.

The widow of George Ditter, a blacksmith, Mrs. Ditter was active until recently in Lutheran Church affairs.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward Biester, Doylestown, and Mrs. J. G. Shearer, Philadelphia, and a son, G. Harry Ditter, Philadelphia, a former member of the State Legislature.

Four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Name Chairmen For President's Ball

Mary Lukens and Anthony Durante have been appointed chairmen for Lower Merion and Narberth in charge of the ticket sale for the President's Birthday Ball, which is a feature of the "March of Dimes" campaign to aid those afflicted with infantile paralysis. County Commissioner Raymond K. Mensch is chairman of the Ball Committee.

The WAR and YOU

RATION REMINDER

Gasoline—In 17 East coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8.

Sugar—Stamp No. 30 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through March 31.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the airplane sheet in Book Three is good for 1 pair.

Fuel Oil—Period 2 coupons are good through February 7. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West, South, East, and Far West, remain good through March 13 in the Middle West, East, and Far West, and through February 21 in the South.

Meats and Fats—Brown stamps R, S, T and U, are good through January 29. Brown stamp V is good through February 26. Brown stamp W becomes good January 30, and remains good through February 26.

Processed Food—Green stamps G, H and J in Book Four, are good through February 20.

PLENTY OF ANTI-FREEZE

The nation's motorists are being oversold on anti-freeze and told of shortages that do not exist, according to the War Production Board. Production of alcohol anti-freeze for this winter is 50 per cent more than last, WPB said, and asked motorists to watch their own needs and not to overload. Alcohol from which anti-freeze is made is a critical war material.

ITEMS NO LONGER RATIONED

Pressure cookers and feed grinders and crushers have been removed from rationing. Because the supply of pressure cookers will not meet all uses, the approval of the War Food Administration is necessary for purchases of pressure cookers for other than food preservation uses. Application should be made to the Director, Office of Materials and Facilities, War Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

CHEDDAR CHEESE FOR CIVILIANS

Civilians will continue to receive about 30 million pounds a month of cheddar cheese although manufacturers are required to set aside 30 per cent of their output during January and February to meet war requirements. In addition to cheddar cheese, civilians receive almost all of the other types of cheese produced, bringing their total supply to about 45 million pounds a month.

RELEASE PEACHES TO CIVILIANS

Approximately 750,000 cases of canned peaches, previously set aside for government purchase, have been released for civilian supplies and will reach some retail markets within a few weeks.

BEAN, PEA ALLOCATIONS

Civilians will receive 11,500,000 bags (100 pounds each) or half of the supply of dry beans allocated for all needs in 1944. Twenty-nine per cent of the 1944 supply of dry peas—two million bags—also will go to civilians. This means civilians will have available an average of about 8.9 pounds of beans and 1.6 pounds of peas during the coming year. This is slightly larger than the per capita consumption of dry beans in the 1942-43 crop year and is a much larger consumption of dry peas than for any previous calendar year.

MORE CHILDREN'S WEAR

To insure sufficient production of infants' and children's wear the industry has been induced by the War Manpower Commission in its list of essential activities. Also WPB has ordered approximately

Correct Date For Library Meeting

In last week's issue of Our Town, the date for the annual meeting of the Narberth Community Library was incorrectly given.

The meeting will be held this Friday, January 28, in the Legion Room of the Community Building, at 8.30 P. M.

School Gyms to Be Open on Saturdays

Plan Supervised Recreation Program For School-Age Boys

Gymnasiums in eight of the Lower Merion Township schools will be open Saturday mornings, starting this week. Permission for the use of the gymnasiums was given by the Lower Merion Township School Board at the request of Superintendent Frank A. Dubois.

Gyms in six of the schools will open this Saturday and will be open every Saturday for the rest of the winter. They will open at nine and close at noon. A teacher will be in charge of each gym and will supervise all activities. Where needed, a second supervisor may be supplied.

Gyms which will be opened are the Downs Gym and the Lower Merion Senior High boys gym at the high school; the gym at the Ardmore Junior High School; the boys and girls' gyms at Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School, and the gyms at the Penn Wynne, Ashland and Bryn Mawr elementary schools.

Later, gyms at Wynnewood Road School and at the Merion School may be opened if there is sufficient interest to warrant it. Also the three hour period may be lengthened if there is sufficient demand.

For the present, the recreation program will be restricted to boys, since it is believed that girls have more chance for play periods after school than the boys do.

The gyms will be open also during holidays. Plans are under way to form teams and organize leagues in a program which will cater to all age groups.

Services Held For Asst. Secretary

Lockard Helped Plan Lower Merion Park System

Funeral services were held last Monday for Robert A. Lockard, assistant secretary of Lower Merion Township, who died the previous Friday in the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Officials of Lower Merion attended the funeral which was held at the funeral parlors of William G. Frankenhoff, Ardmore. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Esther Glover Lockard, and by four children, Mrs. Louise Port, Marjorie, and two sons.

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Annual Meeting Of M. L. Red Cross

Mrs. Earnshaw Names Committees for Year

All officers of the Main Line Branch, Red Cross, were re-elected at an annual meeting of the board of directors, Tuesday, at the branch headquarters in Ardmore.

Chairman, Mrs. Henry C. Earnshaw; executive vice-chairman, Frederick W. Dreher, Miss Anne B. Townsend; vice-chairmen, Mrs. C. S. A. Henry, Mrs. Sumner C. Miller, Mrs. Edwin C. Donaghy; secretary, Mrs. Emmett R. Tattall; treasurer, Mrs. William R. Mooney.

Following her re-election, Mrs. Henry C. Earnshaw appointed the following chairmen of volunteer special services and staff departments:

Special Services
Mrs. Edgar C. Felton, Chairman, Volunteer Special Services.
Mrs. Sumner Rulon-Miller, Mrs. Joseph N. Pew, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Volunteer Special Services.
Mrs. Robinson Heppner, Chairman, Volunteer Special Services.
Mrs. Harold Pender, Chairman, Volunteer Nurse's Aide.
Mrs. Harry J. Haas, Chairman, Gray Ladies.
Mrs. C. S. Ashby Henry, Chairman, Home Service Aides.
Mrs. Dan Williams, Captain, Motor Corps.
Mrs. Joseph H. Collins, Chairman, Production Corps.
Mrs. George N. Degerberg, Chairman, Canteen Corps.
Staff Departments
Mrs. Leslie F. Mulford, Chairman, Volunteer Band Donor.
Miss Anne B. Townsend, Chairman, Junior Red Cross.
Mrs. Harold Pender, Chairman, Home Nursing.
Frederick W. Dreher, Chairman, War Fund.
Mrs. Paul Kendall, Chairman, Public Health Nursing.
Mrs. Joseph M. McCready, Chairman, Station Wagon Corps.
Mrs. Russell A. Cannon, Chairman, Camp and Hospital Committee.
Mr. Evans L. James, Chairman, Finance.
Mrs. Edwin C. Donaghy, Chairman, Budget.
Mrs. Robert M. Evans, Chairman, Public Relations.
Mrs. Samuel McClellan, 3rd, Chairman, Public Speaking.
Mrs. George Vane, Chairman, Window Display.
Mr. William J. Lloyd, Chairman, Disaster.
Mrs. Samuel F. Eldredge, Jr., Chairman, Volunteer Placement Bureau.
Mrs. J. K. Strubing, Chairman, College Units.
Office Committee
Mrs. Lester E. Swinehart, Mrs. Rulon-Miller, Mrs. Mulford, Mrs. Stellwagen.
Reports of all committees were submitted and approved.

Judge Dannehower Scheduled to Speak At Boroughs Meeting

Judge William F. Dannehower, of the Montgomery County Courts, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Montgomery County Boroughs Association, Tuesday, January 27, at 7.15 P. M. at City Hall, Norristown.

County Commissioners Foster C. Hillgass, Fred C. Peters and Raymond K. Mensch will be guests of honor at the affair which is expected to be attended by about 100 borough councilmen and other borough officials.

The Association will elect officers for 1944 and entertainment has been arranged. Clarence E. Burkhardt, president of the organization, will preside. Vernon E. Wynne, Conshohocken councilman, is chairman of the banquet committee.

Arrives For Flight Training

Aviation Cadet William T. Porter, son of Mrs. Margaret S. Porter, 116 Upland Terrace, Bala-Cynwyd, has arrived at the Army Air Force Pilot School (Basic), Walnut Ridge Army Air Field, Ark., for the second phase of his flight training. While at this school, Cadet Porter will receive approximately 70 hours of actual flight training and instruction in meteorology, navigation, radio code, aircraft identification and other required courses. His previous pilot instruction included approximately 60 hours in primary training planes at his last station, Lafayette, Ind.

S/Sgt. W. T. Betts Sends Last Message

The last message to leave the cargo ship Nevada, when it sank in the North Atlantic last month, was radiocoded by Staff Sergeant William T. Betts of Cynwyd.

Sergeant Betts and Captain George P. Turiga, of Beacon, New York, commanding officer of the ship, were the last to leave the ship. A large wave capsized their lifeboat and they and their companions were lost. A Coast Guard cutter, responding to Betts' message, saved 29 members of the crew.

Sergeant Betts attempted three times to enlist before he was finally accepted.

Cynwyd Ground Sold

William Pugh's Main Line office, representing the First National Bank of Philadelphia, reports the sale of a tract of ground on Old Lancaster Road between Montgomery Ave. and Summit Rd. to Cynwyd, to a Main Line builder.

Yeoman Cedarstrom —Not Only Attacks But Backs the Attack

"Buy a War Bond for me, Dad, in Narberth when the next Drive comes along."

So, in effect, wrote Yeoman 3rd class Albert G. Cedarstrom, Jr., 10,000 miles away from his home at 115 Elmwood Avenue, Narberth, Stationed in the South Pacific at Admiral Halsey's headquarters, Yeoman Cedarstrom has dispatched a monthly money order to his father, A. G. Cedarstrom, with the result that Narberth's sales in the Fourth War Loan now in progress were boosted by \$250 (maturity value).

Cedarstrom Sr., sector air raid warden of Sector 1 in Narberth, is selling bonds himself in the Drive.

Yeoman Cedarstrom, 21 in December, enlisted in the Navy when he was 17, but was not called to active duty until a few days after finishing his third year at Peirce Business School last May. He was enroute to San Francisco within a week and inside of two months arrived at a South Pacific base. At Admiral Halsey's headquarters, he works under Lt. Commander Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota.

He is a graduate of Lower Merion High School in the class of 1942, and is an assistant to the assistant at the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Scouts Hear About Racial Friendship

Narberth Woman Presides at Girls' Meeting in Ardmore

The Leaders' Association of Girl Scouts of the Main Line with President Samuel H. P. Read, Narberth, presiding, met on January 20 at the Parish Church of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Elba Ferrabegoli from the International Institute of Philadelphia. The theme of her talk was International Friendship which is the theme Girl Scouts nationally are stressing this year in their troop programs. Miss Ferrabegoli spoke particularly about folk dancing and how a study of it was such a help in learning to understand people of other countries. Later she taught the group four folk dances.

Mrs. Theodore Stieber, chairman of the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund for the District, distributed the troop bags. She reminded leaders of the immense service the money from this fund is giving in helping rehabilitate Girl Scouts in the countries of Europe and in China. The big gathering of the bags full of birthday pennies from the girls of every troop will be in April.

There will be an "international work shop" set up at Girl Scout Headquarters in Philadelphia on February 29. This exhibit will demonstrate how the arts and crafts of foreign countries can be adapted to the troop program.

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Mrs. Humbert Powell, chairman of the Conservation Council of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Robert Wright, Haverford, will be the featured speakers. The topic will be "Conservation."

Rod and Gun Club Elects Officers

Biologist Tells of Work in Preserving Timber

At the annual meeting of the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club, January 19th, in the American Legion Hall in Narberth, outstanding motion pictures demonstrating the far-reaching effect of proper timber management in a national forest were shown by Theodore C. Fearnough, biologist and naturalist, and Frank C. Connolly, in charge of information and education, both from the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Region 7.

These men told Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club members that, in addition to striving toward restoring the forests of the nation to their rightful place as an inexhaustible timber supply, the national forest rangers also work throughout the year to provide food and protection for game and birds.

Officers elected for 1944 at the meeting were as follows: President, Charles E. Spencer, Sr., Upper Darby; Vice Presidents, C. H. A. Chaim, Sr., Narberth; Lloyd DuBois, Merion; and Frank P. Davis, Philadelphia; Secretary, Mrs. Ellen A. Dietrich, Upper Merion; Treasurer, Edward C. Griswold, Narberth; Field Captain, Philip Capalonga, Narberth; Directors, Skeets Anderson, Philadelphia; Walter Johnson, Roxborough; and Charles Woodruff, Narberth.

Three door prizes were won by the following: J. J. Whiteside, Mrs. Edward Merkle, and Theodore C. Fearnough.

Announcement was made that the following officers had been elected recently by the Montgomery County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of which the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club is a member:

President, William J. Stoneback, Lansdale; First Vice President, J. Russell Meyers, Ambler; Second Vice President, Roger Lachman, East Greenville; Secretary and Treasurer, E. J. Ely, Jr., Upper Darby; Treasurer, William H. Ellis, Bridgeport; Supervisor of Game Bird Propagation, Ira J. Mills, Graterford.

The Federation's President, reaffirmed the appointment of John Miller, of Narberth, as the alternate to Robert S. Beal and Dr. Joseph E. Sands.

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Offers Evidence County Radio Is Paying For Itself

As evidence that the campaign that was waged to establish a county police radio system in Montgomery was not in vain, District Attorney Frederick B. Smille, produced statistics last week to show how much valuable property had been saved the taxpayers through the radio.

The report does not show how much it is costing the County but it does claim property valued at \$49,130 was recovered during 1943.

This is how the District Attorney lists the savings, month by month: January, \$4250; February, \$4400; March, \$3875; April, \$4110; May, \$2625; June, \$2550; July, \$3950; August, \$4675; September, \$4225; October, \$4750; November, \$4390; December, \$5330.

The county station is WMCN and it is a division of the District Attorney's office. John Guinan is chief operator and he has four assistant operators who are on duty 24 hours a day.

The station handled 44,827 messages last year.

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Main Line Raises Thirteen Percent Of Quota in First Week of Bond Drive; Ardmore Leads Other Communities

Merion Raises \$61,275; Bala-Cynwyd, \$22,125; Narberth, \$37,825; Come And Join Fight, Urges Chairman

Bond subscriptions for the first week of the Fourth War Loan Campaign in Lower Merion and Narberth total \$656,775. This was announced yesterday.

This amounts to 13 per cent of the \$5,000,000 quota for the Township and Borough in the drive which continues through the middle of February.

James A. Lynd, district chairman, indicated that this represents a good start but a greater effort must be made if the goal is to be reached.

"Everyone must join in the fight, not only in loaning their dollars but in recruiting every possible patriotic investor," he said.

"I hope the workers will not let down in their efforts to see that everyone in our community is contacted for a subscription and persuaded to make some contribution as large as possible. The slogan of the workers should be, 'the most you can sell is the least you can do.'"

The breakdown of sales for the first week by communities follows:

Penn. Wynne-Overbrook Hills, \$62,275; Merion, \$61,275; Bala-Cynwyd, \$22,125; Wynnewood, \$31,550; Narberth, \$37,825; South Ardmore, \$27,050; North Ardmore, (includes sales to Autocar employees, Strawbridge & Clothier's booth, Best & Co. subscription and coupon sales), \$17,750; West Manayunk, \$825; Bryn Mawr, \$136,800; Gladwynne, \$55,675; Haverford, \$35,875; Rosemont, \$18,750; Villanova, \$5,000.

War Loan Workers

The Haverford organization for the Fourth War Loan is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Cromwell, Jr., 430 Berkeley Road as co-chairman with A. Morton Wilson, Jr., 416 Berkeley Road, as vice chairman.

They are assisted by the following: Perry A. Hunter, George Bricker, W. C. Lindsay, Miss Beatrice M. P. Cloud, G. A. Warner, Mrs. Robert E. Manley, Jr., Charles B. Morgan, Philip Godley, 2d, H. B. V. Gallagher, Thomas P. Stovell and Mrs. George T. Pew.

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The ship's colors were ceremoniously raised to welcome George Roberts, chief of Senior Scouting for the Valley Forge Council, who spoke of the activities of the older boys groups. He and the skipper then left the ship, which was dismantled to permit the showing of a motion picture on Senior Scouting. Dr. James invited any boy over 16 years to join the Sea Scout program.

Scouts throughout the Main Line District are looking forward to the pilgrimage, February 19, in honor of the birthday of George Washington. Customarily held at Valley Forge, it will be held this year at Wayne. After exercises at the Radnor High School, including the induction of new members "Valley Forge" Scouts and the honoring of four year Scouts, the boys will hike to Old St. David's Church, the historic church where Washington worshipped.

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The ship's colors were ceremoniously raised to welcome George Roberts, chief of Senior Scouting for the Valley Forge Council, who spoke of the activities of the older boys groups. He and the skipper then left the ship, which was dismantled to permit the showing of a motion picture on Senior Scouting. Dr. James invited any boy over 16 years to join the Sea Scout program.

Scouts throughout the Main Line District are looking forward to the pilgrimage, February 19, in honor of the birthday of George Washington. Customarily held at Valley Forge, it will be held this year at Wayne. After exercises at the Radnor High School, including the induction of new members "Valley Forge" Scouts and the honoring of four year Scouts, the boys will hike to Old St. David's Church, the historic church where Washington worshipped.

Cynwyd Man Died After Heroic Deed

The heroic tale of how a 37-year-old Cynwyd radio operator lost his life after rigging up emergency equipment in the teeth of a furious gale to send an SOS from his sinking ship in the North Atlantic was revealed yesterday by the dead man's parents.

Responsible for the rescue of 29 members of the 64-man crew of the ill-fated Army freighter, Nevada, Staff Sergeant William T. Betts, Jr., drowned when the lifeboat containing himself and 31 others was abandoned by the time the standard radio equipment had been swept away—to set up the emergency set and flash the appeals for help.

Betts' signals were heard by the Coast Guard cutter Comanche, which immediately steamed to the freighter's aid. The sinking craft had been abandoned by the time the Comanche arrived on the scene and only one lifeboat, containing the 29 men, remained afloat. Before his enlistment, Sergeant Betts was an employee of the Delaware division of the Philadelphia Electric Co.

Asiatic Women To Be Missionary's Subject

Mrs. Katherine H. Read, for many years a resident of Burma, and China, will speak on "Asiatic Women and the War" at a meeting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Medical Missionary Society on Monday.

The meeting, which will be held at the parish house of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore, will start at 2.45 P. M. Hostesses will be Mrs. Gerald Powell, Miss Anne Wallace and Mrs. C. N. Stover.

Garden Club To Meet

The Garden Club of Bala-Cynwyd will meet on Thursday, February 3, at 10.00 A. M. in the Woman's Club of Bala-Cynwyd.

Mrs. Humbert Powell, chairman of the Conservation Council of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Robert Wright, Haverford, will be the featured speakers. The topic will be "Conservation."

Gideons to Give Soldiers Bibles

Victory Hour Service To Be Held At Beechwood

Charles J. Grant, president of the Philadelphia Gideons, will give a testament to every member of the armed forces present at the "Victory Hour" service, led by the people of the Beechwood Community Church at 6.30 P. M. Sunday. The Gideons are business men who have already been responsible for placing almost 7,000,000 New Testaments in the hands of service men and women, regardless of race, color or creed. The testaments are beautifully-bound, gold stamped, bearing the Gideon emblem on the cover.

Victory hymns and lively victory choruses will be sung. A feature of this Sunday's "Victory Hour" will be The Royal Messengers, popular all-girl quartette. A handsomely printed booklet with patriotic cover containing stories from the world's battlefronts also will be given to those who attend.

The young people's group of the Beechwood Community Church is known as Beechwood Ambassadors for Christ, and membership includes young people from Beechwood, Narberth, and Oakmont. Among the leaders are Donald Franks, 9 Campbell Ave., Oakmont, President; Marian Giltings, 2414 Hiss, Torrance, Oakmont, Vice President; Bonnie Wynn, 6 Hastings Ave., South Ardmore, Secretary; Ann Farra, 18 E. Turnbull Ave., South Ardmore, Treasurer; Anne Zillger, 430 Anthwyn Rd., Narberth; Phyllis McKeith, 832 Beechwood Road, Beechwood. The former president, Robert Wynn, is now stationed in England with the Air Corps. Another member, Robert Farra, is in the Country's Service, now at William and Mary College, Maryland. Howard McKinley, also a former president, with residence at 859 Beechwood Rd., Beechwood, is now a pilot, and H. Allen McPherson, of Wynnewood, now home on a short furlough, is also in the Air Corps.

Launch Scout Ship At Penn Wynne

